

SENATE RESOLUTION 215

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Trooper Mark Self for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Tennessee State Trooper Mark Self, who has served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Self performed with great acuity and ability on January 13, 2008, when he initiated the arrest of Mario Melgar and Jose Alberto Aquirre, who were transporting sixty-three kilograms of cocaine, \$1.5 million's worth, hidden inside a tractor trailer's load; and

WHEREAS, in a commendable example of astute police work, Trooper Self first stopped the suspects for speeding and then looked beyond the simple nature of the traffic stop to uncover more nefarious criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, as a law enforcement professional of superior standards of professional conduct and ethics, Mark Self has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, ever displaying motivation and dedication to the Tennessee Highway Patrol's mission, Mr. Self sacrifices his personal safety on a daily basis to maintain and ensure a stable community for the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the highest ideals of public service, Trooper Self epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Trooper Self for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Trooper Mark Self for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, applaud his recent work to make the world a safer place in which to live, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.